

REMARKS

STATUS

This is a broadened reissue application. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-22 will be pending.

SUPPORT

Applicants have amended the specification and claims 1-20 to correct errors and defects as indicated in the accompanying reissue declaration. Additional dependent claims 21 and 22 have been added to provide more complete claim coverage, and are fully supported by the specification and the existing patent claims. No new matter has been added.

Support for the amendment to the specification can be found in the drawings, which clearly indicate that the endoprosthesis is introduced into the intervertebral disc space. Although this would be apparent to anyone of ordinary skill in this art from reading the specification and drawings, the specification has been amended to more accurately reflect this.

Support for the changes to claims 1, 16, and 19 can be found in the specification, *inter alia*, at column 2, lines 19-39 and lines 47-52, and in the drawings as described above with respect to the amendments to the specification, as well as in originally filed claim 17.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in fees to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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